

Minutes

LAG Committee Meeting

October 23, 2002

9:00 A.M.

Tukwila, Washington

Note taker:

Ron Pate

Attendees:

Al King, Harry Haslam, Lynn Price, Brian Moorehead, Jim Morrow, Larry Schofield, Ron Pate, Dale Rancour, Jim Whitbread, and Jerry Bryant

Agenda topics

10 Min

South 180th Grade Separation Project

Jim Morrow

Discussion: Jim shared information on the Tukwila South 180 Grade Separation Project. Items of interest were soils stabilization, drilled shafts, train schedule, and the projects critical path. Jim offered to have the project engineer come in at 1:45pm for a presentation and field review. The group agreed.

Action items: Bob Giberson will give a presentation at 1:45 pm and take the group to the project.

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Jim Morrow

N/A

30 min

2001 Green Book Adoption

Al King

Discussion: Al presented the group with background information on the adoption and how it affects local agencies. The Green Book was officially adopted by FHWA on March 14, 2002. Currently, local agency projects may be designed in accordance with the 2001 or 1996 edition. Projects advertised after April 1, 2003 must be designed in accordance with the 2001 edition. WSDOT is expected to officially adopt the 2001 edition in a few weeks. However, there will be some exceptions. One of those exceptions being the change to stopping sight distance height of object change from 6 inches to 2 feet. Discussions on this are still taking place.

Action items: Keep committee informed of changes.

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Al King

As changes occur

30 min	AASHTO Geometric Design of Very Low Volume Roads. Adoption	Jim Whitbread
Discussion: Jim wanted to know what the status was of the adoption of the AASHTO Geometric Design of Very Low Volume Roads publication into the LAG. This was discussed and some members have reviewed the document for possible conflicts. However, this is a Design Standards Committee item that will be presented on November 20, 2002. The Design Standards is an independent document contained in the LAG under Chapter 42.		
Action items: Make sure that this is an agenda item for the Design Standards Committee. Also, members that are also part of the Design Standards Committee are reminded to review the AASHTO publication.	Person responsible: Ron Pate, Design Standards Committee members	Deadline: 11/20/2002
15 Min	Excluded Parties Listing System	Ron Pate
Discussion: Ron presented information on the Excluded Parties Listing System web site. This is the site that WSDOT uses to check if a contractor has been debarred just prior to award. The committee recommended that site be listed in the LAG and put on the project checklist. This language will be sent back out to the committee for review.		
Action items: Add language to appropriate areas of the LAG.	Person responsible: Ron Pate	Deadline: 11/11/02
30 Min	DBE Issues	Al King
Discussion: One of the committee members asked about the DBE program requirements and goal setting. Al gave the group an overview of the requirements, both state and federal. He discussed goal setting and the reasoning behind the current plan. The plan is currently being revised and locals will be informed of any changes.		
Action items: Keep Committee informed of changes.	Person responsible: Ron Pate	Deadline: As changes occur

45 Min	Material Exceptions, scaleman's daily report...	Brian Moorehead
<p>Discussion: Brian wanted information in the LAG changed. He asked, if there is an exemption in the LAG for scale persons and inspectors at asphalt plants why are we requiring a daily report and sampling from stockpiles? A different point was that it is a good practice to sample stockpiles, possibly eliminating bad material ending up in the final product. Discussion took place and the group agreed to remove the requirement.</p> <p>Brian asked to recommend or require special provisions for certain exceptions to the WSDOT Construction Manual items that may result in a cost savings to the agency. After discussion and discussing contract law, it was determined for an exception to be part of a contract you need to include a special provision to the contract for all exceptions. Changes made during construction would need to be addressed with a change order. The committee wanted to leave the language in the LAG as is.</p> <p>A mix design can cost local agencies \$3000 to \$5000. Locals can use a WSDOT mix design for a plant if it is current. Every year WSDOT updates plant mix designs if they are using that plant for a WSDOT project. If a plant does not have a current mix design the local must pay for it. Brian wants to let local agencies use the most current WSDOT mix design a plant has on file regardless of its age. The group discussed this and decided that additional information on the reason behind the 1-year update period and materials personal should be consulted.</p> <p>Acceptance and Assurance sampling. Brian said he did not agree with this and felt this should be only acceptance. Most locals do not have the equipment or personnel to do this. Members pointed out the assurance frequencies are very high and would not affect most jobs. It was also pointed out that it should be done as good practice to insure a you have good testing results, especially on large projects. Members said if this prevents the mandatory use of qualified testers leave it in, if not remove it and have acceptance only. Al King pointed out that there is discussion with FHWA on this and the committee will be updated when more information is available. He also reminded the committee that any proposals have to be approved by FHWA. Gary Hughes was not present.</p>		
Action items: Send committee recommendations to appropriate parties for review. Meet with materials personnel to discuss background of 1-year limit on mix designs.		Person responsible: Ron Pate
		Deadline: 11/20/02

20 Min	LAG Review – Corrections/Changes...	Ron Pate
<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Chapter 26.2, verbiage change – From “Mere Pro forma” To “Efforts done as a matter of form or for the sake of appearance.” Approved</p> <p>Chapter 27.3, addition – “The Region Local Programs Engineer will summarize agencies PR1392 into one PR1392. This summarized report is due at WSDOT Headquarters Highways and Local Programs by September 10 annually.” Approved</p> <p>Chapter 31 (Using Consultants) was discussed and it was determined that may areas need to be looked at and revisions made. Draft revisions will be made within the next 2-3 months and sent out to the committee for review.</p> <p>Chapter 52.33, deletion – “in developing a plan for construction oversight. The agency may submit their plan through the Regional Highways and Local Programs Engineer for review and comment by the Highways and Local Programs Engineer.” Approved</p> <p>Chapter 52.5, verbiage change – “To be eligible for FHWA participation, all change orders must be approved by the Local Agency CA Agency. Approved</p> <p>The committee was reminded that these proposed revisions would also need to be reviewed and approved by FHWA.</p>		
Action items: Take revisions through the approval process.		Person responsible: Ron Pate
		Deadline: 12/4/02

60 min

South 180th Grade Separation Project presentation

Bob Giberson

Discussion: Bob presented information and answered questions about the project. He displayed the project schedule and discussed the process it took to build and review it. The committee then went on a site review. The picture below shows what the project will look like when complete.



There are more project photos at: <http://s180th.abam.com/>

Notes:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm